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| FOR: Protection Switching In Ring-Configured Network | )<br>)<br>)<br>)  |
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## **RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF AUGUST 9, 2004**

Honorable Director of Patents and Trademarks P O Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 9, 2004 Applicants submit that the claims are patentable as they stand.